

The Town of Woodbridge Agriculture Commission was adopted into municipal ordinance on February 22, 2020. The Commission, comprised of knowledgeable Woodbridge farmers, is here to support you and your farming efforts. At an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectman, the Commission identifies issues of concern to farmers, raises public awareness of the benefits of local farms and working lands, and identifies ways in which the Town can support the business and land-use needs of local farmers and farms. Please direct your agricultural related inquiries and concerns to Gerry Shaw at [gshaw@woodbridgect.org](mailto:gshaw@woodbridgect.org). We are here to be of service and look forward to hearing from you.

To those interested in upcoming grant or funding opportunities, please take note of the following:

Due 3/3/2023: The 2023 Solid Ground Stipend Program provides up to \$2,000 in stipends to new and beginning farmers in CT. Applications are due no later than 5 pm. Applications need to be submitted online using [this link](#).

Keep an eye out for [Conservation Innovation Grants in CT](#), which are typically offered annually and due in April. This competitive grant program is administered through the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Due year round: CT's [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#) is also administered by NRCS, and accepts applications on a rolling basis.

Due in December of each year: [the Farmland Restoration Grant](#), provides matching funds to CT farmers, nonprofits, and municipalities to increase food and fiber production in the State by restoring lands into active agricultural production.

A helpful resource for funding opportunities is: [Farmland Preservation Options \(workinglandsalliance.org\)](#)